

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 471
OFFERED BY MS. NORTON OF DISTRICT OF
COLUMBIA

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Public Funds for Pub-
3 lic Education Act”.

**4 SEC. 2. FUNDING FOR DC PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND DC PUB-
5 LIC CHARTER SCHOOLS.**

6 (a) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—From the funds appro-
7 priated under section 4, the Secretary of Education (in
8 this Act referred to as the “Secretary”) shall provide
9 funds to the Mayor of the District of Columbia (in this
10 Act referred to as the “Mayor”), if the Mayor agrees to
11 the requirements described in subsection (b), for—

12 (1) the District of Columbia public schools to
13 improve public education in the District of Colum-
14 bia; and

15 (2) the District of Columbia public charter
16 schools to improve and expand quality public charter
17 schools in the District of Columbia.

1 (b) CONDITION OF RECEIPT OF FUNDS.—As a condi-
2 tion of receiving funds under this Act on behalf of the
3 District of Columbia public schools and the District of Co-
4 lumbia public charter schools, the Mayor shall agree to
5 carry out the following:

6 (1) AGREEMENT WITH THE SECRETARY.—
7 Enter into an agreement with the Secretary to mon-
8 itor and evaluate the use of funds authorized and
9 appropriated for the District of Columbia public
10 schools and the District of Columbia public charter
11 schools under this Act.

12 (2) INFORMATION REQUESTS.—Ensure that all
13 District of Columbia public schools and the District
14 of Columbia public charter schools comply with all
15 reasonable requests for information for purposes of
16 the evaluation described in paragraph (1).

17 (3) SUBMISSION OF REPORT.—Not later than 6
18 months after the first appropriation of funds under
19 section 4, and each succeeding year thereafter, sub-
20 mit to the Committee on Appropriations, the Com-
21 mittee on Education and the Workforce, and the
22 Committee on Oversight and Government Reform of
23 the House of Representatives, and the Committee on
24 Appropriations, the Committee on Health, Edu-
25 cation, Labor, and Pensions, and the Committee on

1 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the
2 Senate, information on—

3 (A) how the funds authorized and appro-
4 priated under this Act for the District of Co-
5 lumbia public schools and the District of Co-
6 lumbia public charter schools were used in the
7 preceding school year; and

8 (B) how such funds are contributing to
9 student achievement.

10 (4) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—Ensure that all re-
11 ports and underlying data gathered pursuant to this
12 subsection shall be made available to the public upon
13 request, in a timely manner following submission of
14 the applicable report under paragraph (3), except
15 that personally identifiable information shall not be
16 disclosed or made available to the public.

17 (c) ENFORCEMENT.—If, after reasonable notice and
18 an opportunity for a hearing for the Mayor, the Secretary
19 determines that the Mayor has not been in compliance
20 with 1 or more of the requirements described in subsection
21 (b), the Secretary may withhold from the Mayor, in whole
22 or in part, further funds under this Act for the District
23 of Columbia public schools and the District of Columbia
24 public charter schools.

1 **SEC. 3. PRIORITY CONSIDERATION FOR CERTAIN STU-**
2 **DENTS.**

3 Each District of Columbia public charter school, in
4 selecting new students for admission to the school, shall
5 give priority to students who were provided notification
6 of selection for an opportunity scholarship under the DC
7 School Choice Incentive Act of 2003 (sec. 38–1851.01 et
8 seq., D.C. Official Code) for the 2009–2010 school year,
9 but whose scholarship was later rescinded in accordance
10 with direction from the Secretary of Education.

11 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

12 There are authorized to be appropriated \$60,000,000
13 for fiscal year 2012 and each of the 4 succeeding fiscal
14 years, of which—

15 (1) 50 percent shall be made available to carry
16 out paragraph (1) of section (2)(a) for each fiscal
17 year; and

18 (2) 50 percent shall be made available to carry
19 out paragraph (2) of section 2(a) for each fiscal
20 year.

